



# ALL SAINTS' NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2009

School closes for the end of term on  
Friday, 18 December and re-opens on Tuesday, 5 January 2010

*Ms Cobbett and the staff at All Saints' School would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

Trinity Guildhall Tuition in Speech, Drama and Acting has started at All Saints'. Professional Actor and past student Patrick McGrath has already delivered two taster sessions and students have started working towards their exam. If you would like to take up this exciting opportunity please contact Mrs C Young for the details.

'Confusions' by Alan Ayckbourn. Year 11 BTEC - Diploma students are staging this series of one-act plays on December 15 in the Drama Hall at 7.00 pm. Tickets are available from the General Office or on the door. Tickets £2/£1.

Our new electronic mailing system is now in place and beginning to be used for email communication with parents. To ensure you do not miss out on Information please ensure you have informed us of any email addresses to be registered – email

[holtj1@allsaints.notts.sch.uk](mailto:holtj1@allsaints.notts.sch.uk)

We'll shortly be adding the school diary onto the system which will then send out automatic reminders of events like Parents Evenings and shows.

'The Jesters men' at Nottingham Castle took place on Friday, 11 December. Year 12 AS level Performance Studies students performed their Community Theatre piece in the Castle Grounds.

30 Year 12 and 13 Government and Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament in London on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009. The visit

Involved a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster, walking the famous division lobbies and corridors, and looking around the main debating chambers in the Commons and Lords. Students also completed a seminar on voting practices, examining how different systems of voting changed the nature of election results and the composition of our representative assemblies. Students also discussed how to make young people more likely to vote in the forthcoming election, next May. The day was a great success and although rather long and tiring students certainly developed their own political awareness and understanding of the operation of UK government.

A Boulton

A huge thank you to all students who have taken part in recent fund-raising activities. Our non-uniform day, in aid of CAFOD and Children in Need, raised over £2263.56 and we also collected £62.33 for the Royal British Legion from this years Poppy Appeal.



**Advance notice** - there will be an Inset Day on **FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010**. Students will not be required to be in school on that day. Please make a note of this date on your new calendar

## Free Lunches!

If you are on a low income your child may be eligible to receive a free lunch each day at school. If you think this may apply to you then make sure you contact your local district council who can supply the relevant forms and guide you through the application process. Once school is notified of a successful application the sum of £1.90 is automatically credited to the student's account each day which allows them to purchase a main meal deal (not snack food). Any unused allocation is removed after lunch.

One of the added benefits of the cashless catering system is that, as the transaction is done electronically, other students will not be aware of your child being on free meals thus avoiding some of the stigma sometimes attached to this.

J Holt, Bursar



## Student Attendance

Students have now been set individual attendance targets for this academic year. Our aim is to help them monitor their own attendance and encourage them to attend school consistently and on time.

A new Attendance Notice Board has been erected in the main corridor near to the reception area. This displays a weekly update on our whole school attendance percentage against our 2009/10 whole school target, the attendance for each Year Group from the beginning of September to-date, highest attending tutor group of that week and a copy of the Rewards for Students 2009/10. We believe this will motivate students and promote good attendance. We have some excellent students that try their hardest to achieve and we want to acknowledge them for this in a variety of ways.

Please remember to contact us immediately if your child is going to be absent from school, whatever the reason.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support.

## Project Mission Addition Update



Hello all,  
Just to update you on the project activity. BDR (the architects) have produced a pdf that will be sent out by the students to a wide range of people that may be interested in the project, whether other schools, parents, companies etc. We have had a lot of interest from other schools about the project and wanted to send something out to people to create more interest around the project. We already have two schools, City School and Yewlands School in Sheffield. They have a specialist technology status and expressed an interest in the project, suggesting that they thought they might have the cutting machinery to help fabricate the structure. Fab!!! Additionally, if any one knows of any one who would be interested in supporting the project in any way please contact Miss Humphreys in school.

## Sports News

Cross Country Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Nottinghamshire Schools Cross Country League held at Berry Hill Park. Year 7 boys T. Campbell 18<sup>th</sup>, C. Hazelton 30<sup>th</sup>, T. Cooper 43<sup>rd</sup>, B. Willis 49<sup>th</sup>, L. Skillen 50<sup>th</sup>. Team 5<sup>th</sup>. Year 7 girls C. Parkes 25<sup>th</sup>. Year 8 and 9 boys L. Ashmore 2<sup>nd</sup>, J. Boam 10<sup>th</sup>, J. Armson 25<sup>th</sup>, J. Ashmore 26<sup>th</sup> A. Cummins 43<sup>rd</sup> Team 3<sup>rd</sup>. Year 8 and 9 girls A. Dallison 20<sup>th</sup>, V. Argyle 22<sup>nd</sup>, A. Hall 28<sup>th</sup>, K. Booth 30<sup>th</sup>, A Januszko 31<sup>st</sup> Team 3<sup>rd</sup>. Year 10 and 11 boys J. Webster 21<sup>st</sup>. Year 10 and 11 girls K. Skillen 22<sup>nd</sup>. The third and final Nottinghamshire Schools League race will be held at Berry Hill Park on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The District Championships will also be at Berry Hill on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January. Running practice is on a Wednesday, 3.35pm-4.45pm.

### Football

Congratulations to Josh Sweetnam who has been selected to play for the Nottinghamshire Schools FA Under 16 team.

### Basketball

Years 10 and 11. Sutton Centre 18 points All Saints 78 points. C. Dennis 26pts, O. Brandreth 23pts, C. McHale 10pts, J. Burmiston 8pts, L. Perkins 7pts and M. Burland 4pts. The next games are National at home on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Ashfield at home on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Practice is on a Tuesday, 12.45-1.30pm.

**Sports news** continued.....The third and final Nottinghamshire Schools Cross Country League race was held at Berry Hill Park on Saturday, 12 December. Congratulations to the under 14 girls team who came from third place after two races to clinch the county final in the last race. The team was Anna Januszko 19th, Anna Hall 20th, Amy Dallison 24th and Heather Barnes 30th. There were other good performances from the under 14 boys' team. L Ashmore 3rd, J Boam 12th, J Ashmore 16th, J Armson 27th and A Cummins 31st. Year 7 boys T Campbell 12th, C Marris 16th, C Hazelton 25th, J Ellis 36th. Year 7 girls L Napthine 12th, B Gordon 20th. U16 boys J Webster 16th. Mr Woolley

### **Clothes Show 09**

A very successful visit to the NEC in Birmingham took place earlier this month to see the 'Clothes Show Live' event. A party of students from Years 8-12 and 4 staff thoroughly enjoyed the occasion; the students had great difficulty in getting back on the coach with so many shopping bags! Mrs Endy

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Congratulations to the 22 students who have recently completed their Bronze Award

### **Headteacher's Commendations**

Throughout this term students have worked very hard and a number of them have received the Headteacher's Commendation Award. I would like to commend these students for their achievement and look forward to presenting more students with awards next term. Well done to all those students who have received awards this term! M Cobbett



### **New creativity project "Student leadership"**

All Saints' new project, involves 36 students across key stage three. These are the school's agents and are leading the way forward for creativity in the school. The aim of this project is to develop the skills of young individuals; encourage enterprise opportunities; and extend cross curricular opportunities in our school. At present the students are conducting their own research and soon will be presenting it to a wide range of professionals and the wider community...So watch this space! All Saints' creativity representatives are: Michael Crawford, Josh Elizaga, Imogen Craggs, Roberto Padley, Elliot Savidge, Daniel Burmiston, Elena Pierre, Brayden Willis, Finliegh Baranski, Clarice Bishop, Katie Hodgson, Ruth Casey, David Kells, Chloe Kirk, James Avison, Karla Roy, John Woods, Daniella Simpson, Charlotte Kitt, Connor Cashin, Eleanor Thompson, Yrain Wallace, Josh Rainbow, Anthony Symcox, Emily Harrold, Kristian Watson, Alicia Kime, Lisa Kells, Keeley Azar, Anthony Vianna, Faye Riley, Jack Hodgson, Korin Booth, Mellissa Wint, Beth Burmiston, Joe Tomlinson. Thank you for all of your support and commitment Miss Humphreys

Congratulations - Heather Barnes 9JHY is ranked second in the UK for U14 rowing. She is also representing the County at Rugby. Well done Heather!

Ski 2010 - 35 pupils and 5 staff are looking forward to their ski trip to Santa Caterina in Italy on 12 February 2010, they are just hoping the ski-ing conditions are favourable!

# Attendance for Achievement

## STAGE ONE

- 100% Individual Awards
- Best Class Attendance Prize
- 100% Attendance Family
- Lucky Draws

Excellent attendance helps students make very good progress in their learning!  
The top 50 performing students in 2009 had attendance of over 95.6%.

## STAGE TWO

- Informing school of absence
- First day phone calls
- Half Termly monitoring



## STAGE THREE

- Less than 88% attendance family receives an attendance monitoring letter



## STAGE FOUR

- Close monitoring every 2 weeks
- Attendance target letter
- Regular close monitoring
- Education Welfare Officer referral

**Serious worry** that poor attendance limits students' learning. The bottom 50 students in 2009 had attendance of 89.5%



## STAGE FIVE

- Education Welfare Officer
- Home Visits

## SERIOUS ALERT!!!!

Students make little or no progress in school. The bottom 20 performing students in 2009 had an average attendance below 82.5%!



## STAGE SIX

- Parental contract and pre-court action
- Legal Action
- Prosecution